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Letter to All Special Agents in Charge:

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Casper
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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RE: RACIAL INFORMANTS
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE 6/17/83 BY 588

Dear Sir:

In order to further streamline the racial informant program, effective immediately it will no longer be necessary to advise the Bureau the identity of an individual being operated as a probationary racial informant (ghetto) nor will it be necessary to obtain prior Bureau authority to operate this individual except in the instances set out below.

In the event an individual is connected with an educational institution, a legitimate civil rights organization, employed in a sensitive position, or is a member of the military, prior Bureau authority must be obtained before contacting this individual to develop him as an informant. If an individual is to be operated in an extremist organization such as a militant black nationalist group, Klan group, or white hate group, Bureau approval must be obtained to designate him as an informant.

The criteria for developing as well as the required investigation for probationary racial informant (ghetto) set out in Section 130, Volume IV, Manual of Instructions, remains in effect, except that now the personal authority of the Special Agent in Charge is required to operate an individual as a ghetto informant.

An individual may be operated as a probationary racial informant (ghetto) as long as he continues to furnish information of a racial nature. Contact must be made with this individual on the same basis as other racial informants as set out in Section 130 referred to above.

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- Bishop _____
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**Letter to All Special Agents in Charge
Re: Racial Informants**

In the event a probationary racial informant (ghetto) is able to infiltrate a militant black organization or a white hate or Klan group, the Bureau must be advised and Bureau authority obtained to delete the "ghetto" from his designation. At such time as it is recommended he be operated in an extremist organization, the full investigation required for probationary racial informants should be conducted.

If a ghetto racial informant is furnishing information on a regular basis and it is desired to pay him on a regular basis, specific Bureau authorization must be obtained. The request to pay this individual on a regular basis should be submitted in accordance with the instructions set out in Section 130G, 2, Volume IV, Manual of Instructions.

There is no objection to paying a ghetto informant under SAC authority up to [redacted] as set out in SAC Letter 68-16 dated March 12, 1968, captioned "Racial Informants, Racial Matters." However, you must insure that full value is received for any payments made and that these payments are made on a c.e.d. basis. **b2**

After a ghetto informant has been operated for a sufficient period of time to evaluate his reliability and stability and it is desired to remove him from probation, a recommendation should be made to the Bureau in accordance with the instructions set out in Section 130 concerning the removal of racial informants from probation.

As I previously advised, you are expected to develop ghetto informants at a regular rate. Your progress in this [redacted] will be followed through the annual field inspection as well as through analysis of your submission of the [redacted] captioned "Racial Informant Monthly Progress Letter." Effective immediately, you should include in your monthly letter the specific number of ghetto informants you

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Re: Racial Informants

have at the beginning of the month, the number added during the month, the number deleted during the month, and the number of ghetto informants you are operating at the end of the month. An appropriate change will be made of the FD-372 and you will be furnished copies in the near future.

With the submission of your FD-372 for the month of May, advise the identities of those ghetto informants in your division which were previously approved by the Bureau and will now be operated in accordance with the above instructions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE:

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 4/25/68 captioned as above, prepared by [REDACTED]

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Letter to All Special Agents in Charge;

(Typed April 24, 1968)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. G.C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Trainor
- 1 - Mr. Marion

RE: WHITE MILITANT GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Dear Sir:

In view of increasing militancy in the racial field, neighborhood groups whose members are of the white race, have been springing up throughout the United States. Some of these groups appear to be militant in nature and some urge the white man to arm himself as a means of protection against racial violence. Some of these groups are known to sponsor demonstrations against integration and against the bussing of Negro students to white schools. Others appear to advocate more violent methods of opposition to integration. The appearance of these groups is noted mostly in the white ghetto areas of the large cities which border on minority group living areas.

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In order to fulfill our responsibilities in the racial intelligence field we must be cognizant of the groups and their aims and purposes. Upon receipt of information as to the formation or existence of such a group, a preliminary investigation should be immediately initiated to determine the aims and purposes of the organization, its leaders, approximate membership, as well as any pertinent background data which will assist in determining the militancy of the group.

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Re: White Militant Groups

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Upon completion of your investigations, a communication in form suitable for dissemination should be forwarded to the Bureau together with a recommendation as to whether additional investigation is warranted under Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions as it pertains to the investigation of Klan and white hate groups.

In addition to the above, I wish to point out to you the possibility of reactions by the Klan, white hate groups, and residents of white ghetto areas to the recent wave of racial disorders resulting from the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. You should remain alert to this possibility. Informant coverage of the Klan, white hate groups, and white ghetto areas must be intensified so that plans of retaliation or overt action are known to the Bureau prior to their taking place.

Very truly yours,

NOTE:

John Edgar Hoover
Director

See memorandum G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 4/24/68 captioned as above, prepared by [REDACTED]

No Manual changes necessary.

(B) WHITE MILITANT GROUPS - RACIAL MATTERS

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There is no objection to paying a ghetto informant under SAC authority up to \$400 as set out in SAC Letter 68-16 dated March 12, 1968, captioned "Racial Informants, Racial Matters." However, you must insure that full value is received for any payments made and that these payments are made on a c.o.d. basis.

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John Edgar Hoover

Director

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